

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 47-56.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

47. (new) An extended release tablet comprising

a core comprising metformin; and

a coating comprising, based on the weight of the coating, 20 to 85% of a water

insoluble water-permeable film-forming polymer, 10 to 75% of a water

soluble/alcohol soluble polymer and 3 to 40% of a plasticizer,

wherein the tablet exhibits a dissolution profile such that after two hours, from 7 to 60% of the metformin is released; after 4 hours from 15 to 90% of the metformin is released; after 8 hours, from 50 to 100% of the metformin is released; and after 12 hours, more than 75% of the metformin is released.

48. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, wherein the water insoluble polymer comprises ethyl cellulose, the water soluble/alcohol soluble polymer comprises polyvinylpyrrolidone, and the plasticizer comprises stearic acid.

49. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, wherein the coating comprises 50 to 85% of the water insoluble polymer, 10 to 35% of the water soluble polymer, and 3 to 5% of the plasticizer.

50. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, wherein the core comprises 3 to 25% of an expanding agent, based on the core dry weight.

51. (new) A tablet according to claim 50 wherein the coating comprises 20 to 50% of the water insoluble polymer, 35 to 75% of the water soluble polymer, and 15 to 40% of the plasticizer.

52. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, wherein the core comprises 70 to 99% by weight metformin.

53. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, wherein the core comprises glycerol behenate, polyvinyl alcohol, and silicone dioxide.

54. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, comprising 400 to 2000 mg metformin.

55. (new) A tablet according to claim 47, comprising 550 to 2000 mg metformin.

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